

The Cougar Chronicle



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Important February Dates:

Cougar PRIDE meeting, 8:45 a.m.	15
4-H club meeting, 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	15

Book Fair postponed

The ice and snow took a bite out of NTCA's annual Spaghetti Bake and Book Fair last week.

The Scholastic Book Fair has been rescheduled for April 25th-29th. It will be held in conjunction with NTCA's Open House on April 28th.

More information on how you can help will be sent home with students as the book fair date draws near.

The proceeds from the book fair help to buy books for our library, software for our computer lab, and lots of other resources that enrich the education of our students.

NTCA dinner featured in Living magazine

The following article is in the current issue of the McKinney/Allen edition of Living magazine.

Today's middle school students will be tomorrow's doctors, teachers and engineers. Dr. Tim Elmore, founder and president of Growing Leaders in Atlanta and author of *Generation iY - Our Last Chance to Save Their Future*, makes his first appearance in the North Texas area, March

Daddy/Daughter Dance rescheduled for March 5th

Due to last week's icy weather, the NTCA Daddy/Daughter Dance has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 5th. The dance will start at 7 p.m. at First Christian Church in McKinney.

The theme for this year's dance is "Butterfly Kisses." Tickets for the event are \$25 per family. For additional fees, you can have portraits made at the dance by a professional photographer and purchase a special wrist corsage. Refreshments will be served.

Not only is this a great opportunity for little girls ages 4 years old through 5th grade to have a "date" with Daddy or a special uncle, grandfather or friend in their life, but it will also help our 4th through 7th grade students. All profits from the dance will go toward their academic meet trips.

Volunteers are also needed to help the day of the dance. If you can help, contact Eve Mendoza at emeendoza@northtexaschristian.org.

NTCA Foundational Fund Dinner and Auction

When: Thursday, March 31st, 6:30 p.m.

Where: High Pointe Church of Christ

31, at North Texas Christian Academy.

Dr. Elmore's new book is about the second half of Gen Y, children born since 1990. He coined this age group Generation iY because their world has been shaped by iTunes, iMacs, iPods, iPhones and, for many of them, life is mostly about "I." The book, however, is not another chance to whine about kids

today; it offers a plan to re-think how we raise, lead and minister to this emerging generation.

NTCA invites you to attend

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A Message from Mrs. Young

Wow! It has been the most unusual two weeks of Texas weather that I can remember! I am reminded of how thankful I am that God takes care of his children. And how He provides exactly what we need all the time.

Snow days are fun once in a while, but I think we can truly say...enough is enough. Believe me, we are all ready to get back into our regular school routine. However, the main priority is safety for our families and staff. It is a difficult decision to close school, but I always look at what is best for everyone. I do apologize for any inconvenience this causes but I will always err on the side of caution.

I will get our plan to you soon for the make-up days. Please know that there are already two days included in our school calendar. Those days are at the end of the school year on May 31st and June 1st. Decisions will have to be made about the additional days missed. The most important part in all this is to make sure your child receives the quality education that he/she deserves. Be assured that instruction will not be lost because of these missed snow days.

Enrollment for 2011-2012 is continuing. Right now enrollment fees are half off the regular price. March 1st those fees will increase. Please remember for every elementary/middle school student you refer to NTCA, you will receive \$1,000 off your tuition. Also for every preschool/KR student you refer, you will receive \$500 off your tuition. Please spread the word about our wonderful school.

I appreciate you and your support. You are all a blessing to me. Have a wonderful warm weekend!

Uniform pass fundraiser extended

The deadline to purchase "No Uniform Tuesday" (NUT) passes has been extended until Tuesday, February 15th. This fundraiser will help our 4th-7th grade students earn money for their trip to their aca-

demic meets this year.

The passes are \$5 each (buy 5 and get 1 free) and can be used on Tuesdays through the end of the school year. Checks should be made

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4th-6th grade prepares for academic meet

NTCA's 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will be competing at their annual academic meet later this month. The students will be in Austin February 24th and 25th.

"They are very excited about the trip, and the fundraising is going very well," said Mrs. Foster, 6th and 7th grade teacher.

As one of their fundraisers, students

have been selling "No Uniform Tuesday" passes. The deadline for purchasing the passes has been extended to February 15th, so there's still plenty of time to buy your passes.

Seventh-grade students will be competing later in the spring at their academic meet in Abilene.

Classroom News

Kindergarten Readiness

This month we will celebrate our 100th day of school by counting, constructing a T-shirt with 100 items, and creating some fun crafts. We will also be celebrating Valentine's Day with a card exchange. We should be finished with our letters and sounds this month, and we will be starting our reading groups in March. The class is very excited about reading!

Cubs Corner



February's themes are Ruth, Valentines, and Love and Friendship. We're studying the letters R, V, P, and Q this month. Our color will be red and our shape will be a heart. Our memory verse is from Ephesians 4:32: "Be kind and compassionate to one another..."

Birthday wishes go out to Emily, Haylin, and Jadon! Have a very special day!

Our class Valentine's Day parties will be February 15th. On February 17th we will have special activities for the letter P. Look for more details coming home with your student soon.

Cougar of the Month

Ella Bartlett was the December Cougar of the Month. She is in Mrs. Dooley's first grade class.

"Ella Bartlett is such a sweet girl. It is so fitting that she was chosen Cougar of the Month because she demonstrates contentment on a daily basis," said Mrs. Dooley. "She is great about making the best of all situations, and being happy with what she has."

Congratulations, Ella!



Ella Bartlett



December Students of the Week

Week of Nov. 29

KR – Lainey Stein
K – Daniela Morales
1st – Seth Autry
2nd – Morgan Pettway
3rd – Hunter Chaffin
4th – Tate Chaffin
5th/6th/7th – Sara Mendoza

Week of Dec. 6

KR – Ryder Skinner
K – Hope Boyle
1st – Ella Bartlett
2nd – Zach Kearn
3rd – Cora Brewer
4th – Colton Leach
5th/6th/7th – Preston Campbell

Week of Dec. 13

KR – Tyler Wolgamott
K – Mara Dooley
1st – Logan Campbell
2nd – Thomas Klovstad
3rd – Rex Dooley
4th – Haylee Winstead
5th/6th/7th – Mark Haaland

Kindergarten Readiness and Kindergarten students enjoyed the beautiful weather on Friday, January 28th, with lunch at Towne Lake Park after a field trip to Young Chefs Academy. Less than a week later, the park was covered with snow and ice.

Basketball season continues

The Cougars basketball team has two more games left in its season—February 12th and February 19th.

Four NTCA third-grade students are competing on the Cougars team with other area youth as part of the City of McKinney League. All games are played on Saturdays at Evans Middle School.

4-H Club holds first meeting

The new NTCA 4-H Club held its first meeting on January 18th, with 38 students attending.

The kickoff meeting was very successful, said parent Marie Hoke. The group discussed what 4-H is all about and had fun making their own snacks.

The club will have meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Parents are invited to attend 4-H meetings but not required. The next meeting will be held on February 15th.

Collin County Extension Agent Chris Schraeder has offered to meet with parents of students who are interested in an animal project.

A special thanks to Nothing Bundt Cakes for sponsoring our Foundation Fund Event on March 31st. Please go by and try their yummy Bundt cakes and express your gratitude.



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Monday–Friday: 9 a.m.– 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.– 6 p.m.

Dinner (continued)

a special evening event with Dr. Elmore for a presentation, book signing and dinner. Attendees will gain an understanding of how to equip Generation iY to become future leaders.

Dr. Elmore and his team provide public and private schools, state universities, civic organizations and corporations with the tools they need to turn ordinary students into growing leaders.

Dr. Elmore has written over 20 books and has delivered leadership training and keynotes to hundreds of academic and corporate organizations in more than 30 countries as well as athletic organizations.

Elmore received a bachelor's de-

gree from Oral Roberts University and master's and doctoral degrees from Azusa Pacific University. He has taught at nine universities and graduate schools across the United States. He lives in Atlanta with his wife, Pam, and two children, Bethany and Jonathan.

North Texas Christian Academy in McKinney is a private Christian school, serving children 18 months through middle school. NTCA is fully-accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the National Christian School Association. For more information, please call the school office at 214.544.1794 by March 15 or visit their website at NorthTexasChristian.org.



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to make the
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February Lunch Volunteer Schedule

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for helping with our lunch program. If you can help with our lunches, or if you need to reschedule for any reason, please contact Theresa Winstead at 214.544.1794 or email her at twinstead@northtexaschristian.org.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Colleen Haaland	2 Tina Tennison, Joe Hicks, Linda Ndofor, Shannon Humphrey	3 Anndria Wilson	4 Teresa and James Shaw, Sharon Dunlap, Marie Hoke
7 Emily Chapman, Kathy Brewer	8 Colleen Haaland, Chris Vilches	9 Tina Tennison, Brenda Bartlett, Kelly Chacon, Jamie Pascale	10 Holly Milstead	11 Alison Mains, Vera Burrell, Ken Dunlap, Tina Autry
14 Emily Chapman, Angie Klovstad	15 Colleen Haaland	16 Tina Tennison, Joe Hicks, Linda Ndofor, Shannon Humphrey	17 Anndria Wilson	18 Alison Mains, Teresa and James Shaw, Sharon Dunlap
21 Emily Chapman, Kathy Brewer	22 Colleen Haaland, Chris Vilches	23 Tina Tennison, Brenda Bartlett, Kelly Chacon, Jamie Pascale	24 Holly Milstead	25 Alison Mains, Vera Burrell, Ken Dunlap, Renee Hicks
28 Emily Chapman, Angie Klovstad				

Uniform passes (continued)

payable to NTCA.

The students will be representing NTCA at their yearly academic meets in Austin and Abilene. See below to order your passes.

Save the Date:

March 31—NTCA Foundational Fund Dinner

April 25-29—Scholastic Book Fair

April 28— NTCA Open House

April 30 —Mother/Son Event

NO UNIFORM TUESDAYS

Fundraiser for 4th–7th Academic Meet

\$5.00=1 Tuesday Pass

Or

Buy 5, Get 1 Pass FREE

If you like to wear your comfortable clothes on Tuesdays, then you can purchase enough passes from now until the end of the year!!!

Sales will last through Tuesday, February 15th

Make checks payable to NTCA

Students' Names	Teacher	# of Passes	Cost
Total Cost:			